

TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF D. C. GUARD

Richard D. Simms, New Brigadier General, Strong for Home Defense.

COL. DAPRAY'S STATEMENT

Expressing an optimistic view regarding the prospects of the new National Guard unit of the District of Columbia, Richard D. Simms, who was appointed last week by President Wilson to the position of brigadier general of the guard, said today there is no reason why the District of Columbia should not have a representative National Guard organization for home defense, despite the fact that more than 5,000 men of the District of Columbia are already in federal service and the District has fully done its share up to the present time in supplying men for the military forces of the nation.

"Why there should be a feeling of dissatisfaction regarding the future of the new guard I cannot see," said Brig. Gen. Simms today. "Measures will be taken immediately to recruit men not only for the six-year period, as authorized by Congress for the National Guard, but for the period of the war. All we need is the necessary legislation to get authority for men to enlist for local service.

Recruiting Begins This Week

"Recruiting will begin this week at the National Guard Armory, at 472 L street northwest, for men for home duty, and within a short time we will institute a ten-week course of drill work, which will afford the men in the guard all the opportunities for military instruction offered in the Army.

"Officers for the guard will be selected from former officers of the District of Columbia and from those civilians who prove themselves competent to handle the executive end of the work. I expect to make some appointments in the near future."

It became known yesterday that Col. J. A. Dapray, adjutant general of the District of Columbia and colonel of the District guard, has sent his resignation to the War Department. Capt. Winfield Jones, appointed by Col. Dapray to command a company of the new guard and closely associated with Col. Dapray in the organization of the new unit has also sent his resignation to the War Department.

Meeting Called for Thursday

A meeting of the officers of the rifle clubs of Washington will be held at the rooms of the Board of Trade in the Star

building, Thursday afternoon, to consider plans for assisting Brig. Gen. Simms in recruiting for the guard. On Thursday last, immediately after the announcement of the appointment of Richard D. Simms as commanding general of the D. C. Militia, Col. John A. Dapray, the adjutant general of that organization, addressed a letter to the War Department requesting to be relieved from further duty with the District Militia, on the ground that it was impracticable for him longer to serve with it without neglecting other important duties assigned to him. The order of the War Department was thereupon promptly made, relieving Col. Dapray "upon his own application" from his duty as adjutant general for the D. C. Militia, but continuing him on the duty previously assigned to him as the professor of military science and tactics at the Catholic University of America in this city.

Col. Dapray's Statement

Col. Dapray has declined to discuss in detail the reasons for his resignation, but has explained whatever of his action beyond the mere statement that he was resigning. He has stated that a man in public service should weigh well the opportunity to do his full measure of duty and that it was advisable, if not absolutely necessary, for him to decide between the duty assigned to him by official orders, namely, the duty of organizing a new National Guard and that of organizing the military department of the Catholic University of America. He said he had tried hard to form a new National Guard, but that he had been discouraged and that he had not been able to do so.

On the other hand, Col. Dapray said he regarded as of the utmost importance the duty of organizing the military department of the Catholic University of America, which is the historic institution of the District, and necessarily he would have to devote considerable time to that duty. He said that a new department in a big university in the middle of an academic year was no small undertaking, especially in a situation in which there had been no previous military instruction whatever. He said that he had decided to leave the local military to its fate, or at least to leave its management to others with whom he could not agree as to the proper policy to be pursued. Col. Dapray expressed great appreciation of the Washington Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade for the expression of approval those commercial bodies had proclaimed regarding his efforts and plans.

Two Things Insisted Upon

Two things, Col. Dapray insisted, were apt to prove fatal to the life of the local military. First, it would be most unjust and injurious to take away, as proposed, the National Guard Armory, or even a part of it from the local military at this time. Second, it would seem hazardous in the extreme to attempt to pass any of the proposed legislation looking to the enlistment of older men into any quasi-military organization to replace the local guardsmen authorized by existing law.

Capt. Robert G. Gilmore, M. R. C. has died at the base hospital, Fort Oglethorpe, of septicaemia. Capt. Gilmore was a member of the faculty of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

TWENTY-NINE TAKEN IN RAID ON "ARK"

Detained at Fairfax Court House on Charges of Gambling and as Witnesses.

"The Ark," a craft anchored in Virginia waters near the mouth of Hunting Creek, about 100 yards off the shore of New Alexandria, an alleged gambling place for Washington and Virginia sports, was raided yesterday afternoon by the Virginia and Washington authorities. Twenty-nine men found aboard were arrested. Roulette and keno and other gambling games were in operation when the raid was made, according to charges lodged against several persons by the raiding party, and the raid, it is stated, was the most effective affair of its kind conducted in northern Virginia since the days when Crandall Mackey, commonwealth's attorney for Alexandria county, rid that county of gamblers.

It was believed that a supply of liquor for the accommodation of patrons of the games conducted in what was so familiarly called "the Ark," would be found, but only one quart of whiskey was taken, and that bottle had not been opened. Twenty-nine men were found aboard the alleged gambling craft, and more than \$20 in cash was found on the tables. The men were arrested and the money taken as evidence. Alleged gambling paraphernalia said to be worth at least \$2,500 was taken by the officers. A search was made by the raiding party, the names of the prisoners booked and all hands taken on a special car to Fairfax Courthouse, reaching there about 10 o'clock last night.

Detained Over Night

Because of the lateness of the hour the men were unable to get a hearing of their case, and they were made as comfortable as the county authorities could make them in the county jail.

Edward Heath, sr., alleged proprietor of the establishment, was among those taken in custody; other members of the local contingent. The local "alien enemies" were Frank H. May, Willy Edelstein, William Stark, Boris Isard, who is also known as Adelbert Keren, and John Schreiner. Deputy Marshal O'Neary was in charge of a number of deputies at Union station to see that the men were safely delivered into the custody of the armed guard in charge of the train.

result of a determination on the part of Gov. Stuart to rid Virginia waters of the alleged gambling boat, about which numerous complaints had been made. Other members of the raiding party were Chief Goods, Serg. Wilkinson, Sheriff Allison and Deputy Sheriff H. M. Cross of Fairfax county and Detectives Kelly, Sweeney and Scrivener and Policeman Davis of this city. It was about 3 o'clock when members of the raiding party reached the boat that was fast in the ice.

Some of the alleged patrons, recognizing the officers, made a dash for it, but were quickly overtaken and taken into custody. The officers turned their backs on the more persistent ones and rolling them in the snow. There was a long delay in getting the prisoners to the county seat. Some members of the raiding party remained aboard the craft to make a thorough search. Others marched the twenty-nine men to the car line, about one-half mile distant.

When the county seat was reached there was no magistrate on hand to give a preliminary hearing or fix bond, and Sheriff Allison ushered them into the county prison, telling them that after due deliberation he had decided to charge today and explaining that the witnesses as well as those in charge of the games might eventually be charged with violating the state gambling law.

Discussing the probable action of the court in event of conviction, officers in charge of the raid suggested that the expensive paraphernalia found on the boat probably would be destroyed, and it was intimated that the "ark" might be blown up.

ON "ALIEN ENEMY SPECIAL"

Five District Violators Join Train for Fort Oglethorpe.

The National Capital's quota of passengers on the "alien enemy special" which passed through Washington Sunday night en route to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., consisted of five men taken into custody for violating the exclusion order of President Wilson.

Gen. H. Thieme, who was arrested in Wheeling, W. Va., was sent to Washington and boarded the train with the local contingent. The local "alien enemies" were Frank H. May, Willy Edelstein, William Stark, Boris Isard, who is also known as Adelbert Keren, and John Schreiner. Deputy Marshal O'Neary was in charge of a number of deputies at Union station to see that the men were safely delivered into the custody of the armed guard in charge of the train.

QUARTERLY CONVENTION IS CALLED BY W. C. T. U.

Will Assemble Thursday at 10 O'clock in North Carolina Avenue M. P. Church.

The quarterly convention and day of prayer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the District will be held Thursday, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning at the North Carolina Avenue M. P. Church, Mrs. Emma Shepherd, president of the District union, will preside.

Reports of officers, to be given first, will be followed by a complete report from the finance committee of the national convention, held recently in this city. Mrs. Theresa Williams and Mrs. E. S. Henry are chairman and treasurer, respectively.

Reports and Addresses

Work done among foreign-speaking people will form the topic of a report by Miss Elizabeth Reiss. Mrs. William Spencer will explain methods used in entertaining soldiers and sailors at the W. C. T. U. recreation rooms at 1418 Pennsylvania avenue. Greetings will be extended by Mrs. J. Franklin Bryan and Mrs. L. F. Pickering. The address of welcome will be made by Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, pastor of the church. Mrs. Martha S. Mead will respond in behalf of the organization.

Short addresses are to be given by national superintendents, including Mrs. D. P. Blain, Mrs. Ella Hoover Thatchers, Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, Mrs. Lenna Yost and Mrs. Wilbur Crafts.

Day of Prayer Program

The day of prayer will be observed for the ratification of the national constitutional prohibition amendment, this being the day set apart for the purpose. Pastors of the churches of the southeast section who will have charge

of the prayer service are: Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, Rev. C. Morgan Conner, Rev. George Bacon, Rev. J. Phelps Hand, Rev. Howard L. Stewart, Rev. F. W. Johnson, Rev. William M. Lyons, Rev. Leslie L. Bowers, Rev. Freely Rohrer, Rev. John Feldley and Rev. David R. Covell. Addresses will be given by Miss Anna A. Gordon, president of National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Rev. E. C. Dinwiddle, national legislative superintendent of Anti-Saloon League.

Treatment and Study OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILD

Topic at Meeting Proposed for Discussion From the Standpoint of Nation's Welfare.

Treatment and study of the exceptional child from the standpoint of the welfare of the nation will be the topic of speakers at a meeting of Branch No. 7, Northern Division of the Associated Charities of Washington, at the McKinley Manual Training School, 7th and Rhode Island avenue northwest, next Monday evening at 7:45.

Among the speakers will be Walter B. Patterson, superintendent of public night schools, who will speak on "The Treatment of the Exceptional Child From the Standpoint of the Public Schools"; J. Lawrence Solly of the board of children's guardians, who will speak from the standpoint of the board of children's guardians; Dr. C. E. O'Connor, sanitary officer of the Department of Interior, who will speak from the standpoint of the home; Dr. Thomas Moore, associate professor of psychology of Catholic University and director of the Providence Dispensary for Mental and Nervous Diseases, who will speak on "The Super-Normal Child"; Dr. Shepherd L. Franz, psychologist at St. Elizabeth Hospital and professor of psychology at George Washington University, will

speaking on children "From the Standpoint of the Psychologist"; Dr. Percy H. H. District alienist, will speak "From the Standpoint of the City"; and Dr. James Moser of the Children's Hospital will speak "From the Standpoint of the Hospital."

Discussions from the floor will be held and those in attendance will be free to ask questions of the speakers.

BERLIN REPORTS NAVAL ATTACKS ON OSTEND

BERLIN, January 20, via London.—Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been bombed by naval forces. It is announced in army headquarters' report.

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A fine woven plain colored cloth unmatchable for children's wear and shirt waists. 36 inches.

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Scalloped Edge Satin Spreads. Size 72x90 inches, cut corner, 3 feet 6 inches. \$6 and \$6.50 each. Size 80x90 inches, cut corner, 4 feet 6 inches. \$6.50 and \$7 each.

Blue and White, and Pink and White Spreads, with Bolster Sham to match. Spread 80x90 inches. Scalloped cut-out corner. 4 feet 6 inches. For \$8.00 set.

Fine White Blankets—Strictly pure wool. Size 60x84 inches. Special, \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 pair.

Pink or Blue Border White Blankets—70x84 inches; special, \$15.00 each. 60x80 inches; special, \$11.75 each.

Fancy Colored Border Bath Towels
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Hemstitched Pure Linen Tea Cloths
Size 36, 42 and 45 inches square. Fine pure linen. Very special, \$2.50 each.

Hemstitched Pure Linen Pillowcases
Round thread linen. 22 1/2x36 inches. Special, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$4.25 pair.

Hemstitched and Hemmed Wamsutta Sheets
Hand torn. Size 54x99 inches. Extra special, \$1.25 each.

Hemstitched and Scalloped-edge Scarfs, Centerpieces, round and square, and Tray Cloths. Values up to 75c. For \$2.95 each.

Japanese Boxed Nainsook
A Beautiful Soft Nainsook, in 10-yard pieces. Special, per piece, \$3.35, \$3.75, \$3.85 and \$4.50.

Plain White English Voiles
Wide tape edge, wire and soft finish. Special, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c and 90c yard.

Plain Yarn-Mercerized Batiste
Special, 30c, 45c and 50c yard.

Plain Colored Dress Voiles
The new shades. 38 inches wide. 35c yard.

Turkish Bath Towels
Perfect Towels at less than others ask for seconds.

21x42 White Four-ply Yarn Turkish Towels 59c each
23x47 Colored Border Heavy Turkish Towels 59c each
28x52 Imported Extra Quality Turkish Towels \$1.00 each

Bleached Pure Linen Table Damask
70 and 72 inch Double and Single Damask, with beautiful designs. Specially priced at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.25 yard.

70-inch Imported Union Bleached Table Damask. Specially priced at \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50 yard.

72-inch Imported All-cotton Table Damask, \$1.00 yard.

Bleached Pure Linen Napkins
20x20 inches. Special at \$3.75 dozen 21x21 inches. Special at \$4.35 dozen 22x22 inches. Special at \$6.75 dozen

Imported Tablecloths and Napkins
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Hemstitched Pure Linen Huck Towels, 50c
Plain huck or damask border effects.

Our past two weeks' selling has left us with several odd lots of merchandise in limited quantities that we will close out at these prices. No phone orders accepted. All sales final.

Hemstitched and Hemmed Wamsutta and Percal Cotton Pillowcases, 50x36, 54x36 and 54x38 1/2 inches. 39c each.

Pure Linen Huckaback Toweling, 14 and 15 inches wide, beautiful figures, for guest towels or scarfs. 75c yard.

Hemmed Twilled Glass and Kitchen Towels, 45c each.

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Bordered-pattern Tablecloths and Napkins—French Chintz, Daisy and Poppy, Spot and Scroll, Carnation, Rose, Poppy and Plain Satin Damask.

Cloths 2x2 yards, specially priced at \$11.25 each
Cloths 2x2 1/2 yards, specially priced at \$14.25 each
Napkins 27x27 inches, specially priced at \$17.50 doz.
Napkins 22x22 inches, specially priced at \$11.00 doz.

John S. Brown & Sons' Fine Huck Towels

Hemstitched, size 18x36 inches, special at 39c each
Hemmed, size 22x36 inches, special at 39c each
Hemmed Extra Heavy Absorbent Huck Towels, 22x36 inches 45c each
Hemstitched Union Huck Towels, 23x40 inches 48c each
Hemstitched Union Huck Towels, 25x42 inches 59c each
Hemstitched Pure Linen Huck Towels, 22x40 inches \$1.10 each
Hemmed Cotton Huck Towels, 18x34 inches 20c and 22c

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Special 25c, 27c, 28c, 30c, 33c, 35c and 38c yard

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Cream or Black Enameled Boudoir Lamps, pretty decorations, with silk-lined shades, in rose, blue and gold; trimmed with gold net, galloon and rosebud trimming. Regularly \$13.50.
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Voile Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long; white, cream and ecru; double hem trimmed with lace edge. Regularly \$2 and \$2.25.
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